

Bonalbo Central School



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School News

Term 3 Week 6 - 2012



Multicultural Day



Open Day



Athletics Carnival



Mindle Ladies Quilts



Dates to Remember

- August 24, 2012—Daffodil Day
- August 27-29, 2012— Brisbane Excursion Yrs 5-8
- September 3-4, 2012— Nara Resort Hospitality Excursion, Years 11 & 12
- September 6, 2012— Deadly Days, Ab. Students
- September 12, 2012— Year 6 Transition Day
- September 13, 2012— Sports Assembly

Every Friday-Kindy Transition

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Laurie Home Tragedy

You are probably aware that Tanya Laurie, her partner Mathew Wooton and children Travis, Kyle, Jake and Kartcher sadly lost their home and contents to fire on Saturday August 18. As a school and community we would like to support the family as they begin to recover from this tragedy. If you would like to donate money or other materials our school has offered to be a collection point. Below is a list of items which can provide immediate help to the family:

Clothing: Mens Large and extra Large shirts, Mens Size 92 and 97 pants. Shoes Size 11 or 15

Womens Size 18-20 clothes and 8-9 shoes

Girls Size 4 and Kids shoes Size 10

Kitchen Utensils, Plates, Cups etc Tea Towels, Sheets, Towels

If you have any of these items or money you would like to donate, please drop them into the school and I will deliver to the family.

Education Week

Wednesday August 1 was a memorable day at Bonalbo Central to not only celebrate Education Week but to recognise the completion of the Trade Training Centre, Science Centre, Multipurpose Centre and associated building works. Janelle Saffin, the member for Pageand Thomas George the member for Lismore were directly involved with the opening ceremony and were very impressed with the improvements that had been made to the school.

Special guests from the Bonalbo area, parents and community members also had the opportunity to see and talk to staff about the new facilities. Thank you to all who were able to attend and to the staff and students for organising the class displays, morning tea and tabloid sports in the afternoon.

Multicultural Day

Multicultural Day was held on Friday August 10 and once again proved to be a very successful event. Highlights for this year included:

- Presentation of Certificates to our Graduate cadets for completing their Rural Fire Service training course last term. Thomas George and Brett Condie from the RFS spoke highly of the attitude and commitment of the students involved and have encouraged our school to consider taking a team to compete in a NSW RFS competition in 2013.
- Lewis and Harry Walker entertaining the crowd with their stories, dancing and didgeridoo playing.
- The Titans Rugby League players mixing with and teaching skills to interested Rugby League students.
- Ngaratya (Aboriginal sisters from Sydney) who sang and played their own music to the audience. The two girls and their mother thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Bonalbo. Quotes from a recent letter included: "Thankyou to the Bonalbo Aboriginal Corporation for welcoming Ngaratya onto Bundjalung country". "The staff at the Dog n' Bull motel provided excellent food and service" Emily stated: "That was unreal! I had never done that with a live band before and it's great to share music and be with such a great community". (The live band being Mr Kilroy and Mr Tucker)

Finally I would like to thank all of the school staff, parents, students, members of the local community and visiting organisations for their support and involvement with the day.

P&C Support

I would like to personally congratulate P&C committee on the great work they have undertaken through out the year with fundraising and working at school events. The significant funds raised definitely assists with excursions being able to be run and the purchase of other school resources. All of these things make a difference in improving the education of our students. If you have the time to be involved with the P&C your support would be appreciated. The next P&C meeting will be held at 3.30 pm on September 19.

Pie Drive

Thank you to Nicky Wright Bernhagen, Fiona Stubbings, Michelle Meadley and hospitality students for the huge effort they made in collecting orders and coordinating the recent Pie drive as a school fundraiser. Approximately \$600 was raised which will go towards excursions.

Excursions

A number of different excursions have been planned for students throughout the school in coming weeks. A Stage 3/4 (Years 5,6,7,8) excursion to Brisbane on 27-29th August, Year 11 and 12 Hospitality excursion to Nara Resort on September 3 and 4, and a Year 2/3/4 excursion to Lake Ainsworth on September 6 and 7. Other events include a Year 7 GALA day to Evans Head on Tuesday August 21 and K-6 will participate in the Performing Arts Festival on September 17. Thank you to all the parents and carers who are supporting these excursions and to the staff for their organisation.

*Keith Larsson
Principal*

Primary News

The K-12 Athletics Carnival was held in Week 2. Students rotated through track and field events, and it was great to see so many participating. This was followed by the Upper Clarence PSSA at Tabulam in Week 3.

Thank you to all parents, students and community members who have contributed to the many fundraising events held so far this year in order to help raise funds for our school excursions. A big thank you to the P&C for all their efforts and assistance towards school excursions as well. Without these contributions, we are unable to provide quality excursions at an affordable cost for students. Winners of the Stage 3&4 excursion fundraiser with mobile phone, Art Set and gift voucher donated by Bonalbo News were:

1st –Liam Johnston; 2nd Jack Horne & 3rd Ruth Montgomery

A big thank you to Bob Pyefinch for his kind donation of prizes.

'The Green House' waste information tent was at our school this Monday the 20.8.12. Students from Old Bonalbo also joined us for a fantastic information workshop. Students learnt about recycling, re-using and landfills. Students also discussed the impact of waste on our waterways, in particular leachate which is water that becomes contaminated, or toxic, when it seeps through the rubbish in our dumps. One way to stop this is to avoid putting organic waste into our rubbish bins. Instead compost or feed to the chooks!

Students in Year 4/5/6 have begun weeding and preparing beds for gardening. Students were happy to find the soil healthy with loads of worms. Students plan to grow some spring and summer crops such as spinach, tomatoes, lettuce, basil, strawberries and carrots. Students in K-1 will also be doing some planting this term.

Multicultural Day was a great success! Students said it was 'the best Multicultural Day yet!' Priscilla Johnson, mother of Ngaratya's sisters Emily and Alicia, wrote a lovely e-mail complimenting the day... *"Firstly we would like to thank the Bonalbo Aboriginal Corporation for welcoming Ngaratya onto Bundjalung country. Bonalbo Central School staff and students provided us a warm welcome in the school and community. In particular your principal Keith gave his time and energy in greeting us at the beginning of our amazing visit. The staff at the Dog n' Bull motel provided excellent food and service. Finally Ngaratya's trip/performance for Bonalbo Central School and community was a special performance of Ngaratya for 2012 and complimented by back up on bass and drums by two very talented school staff."*

Primary Staff



Agriculture News

Year 7

Spring may not be quite here yet however the sheep have been busy and all our ewes have lambed. We have 10 lambs from 7 ewes, with 3 sets of twins! The Year 7 class have been feeding them extra to help the ewes produce milk. Their vegie gardens are full of produce including: carrots, lettuce, beetroot, celery, broad beans and spring onion. They are currently preparing a new garden for potatoes.



Year 9/10

The major assessment task for Year 9/10 is a pasture plant collection due on Friday 25 August. They have been learning about the relationships between soils, plants and animal production. They have also been learning to drive the school tractor.

Year 11 Primary Industries

As always Year 11 have been stuck into practical work. They have constructed a new 5 strain barbed wire fence. They have also been honing their tractor skills including using the rotary hoe to help prepare the Year 7 potato garden.

Stephen Gray
Agriculture Teacher

Hospitality Sea World H.O.T.E.L School (Hospitality, Operations, Training, Education and Learning) Excursion

This much anticipated excursion is departing on the 3rd September and returning on the 4th September. All permission notes and money are now due at the front office. This should be a very beneficial learning experience for all Year 11 and 12 Hospitality students.

CLO Report

It is due to the effort and commitment of students, their family and school staff alike that the events of the last few weeks have been such a success. The Open Day in Week 3 was a wonderful day, with students getting involved in teaching our visitors, and putting on displays and performances of what they have been studying, for the entertainment of our guests. Primary students also had a very successful and enjoyable athletics day at Tabulam in Week 3.

Multicultural Day was once again a great day for the community to come together for a celebration. We were lucky enough to draw a beautiful sunny day for the event which only added to the relaxed and friendly atmosphere. A big Thankyou, to everyone who helped to make the day one to remember. Congratulations to the RFS cadets who earned their certificates in basic fire fighting. Kindergarten transition has begun already with what looks to be a large kindergarten class next year. Year 6 kids are beginning to think about their move to high school and Year 12 trial exams are over, so things are starting to get underway for a productive Term 4.

Nicole Wright-Bernhagen

Sport

Regional Athletics.

We had 6 students compete at regional athletics in Kingscliff. Jeremy Johnston, Catriona Bain, Megan Kennedy, Chloe White, Shania Hickling and Rainee-Lee Hume competed in a range of events. All Students gave 100% which wasn't easy as we had our carnival the day before. Some of the highlights were: Jeremy came second in the 800m, Catriona ran fourth in one of her many events, Rainee-Lee fought hard in the 100m, Shania gave her best in the shot put, and our all conquering Open girls relay (3 of which are only 14) came fourth which was a fantastic achievement. Big congratulations to all our students. You have represented your school and yourselves with pride.

Athletics Carnival

We had our school athletics carnival in Week 2. Finally the weather helped us out. A big thank you to Mrs Armfield and all the staff for getting involved and of course the students who showed how athletic our school is. It was a great day and well done to ALPHA who won the day in the secondary.

Sports Rewards Day

We are having a sports rewards day on Saturday the 1st August. A select few students that have been showing sportsmanship and getting involved in school sport will get the chance to go and watch the Gold Coast Titans play the Manly Sea Eagles. We will keep you posted.

*Yours in Sport
Shaun Flannery*

HSC Tips for Year 12 Students

The following tips are taken from *Real World, Real Study* by Professor Paulya Fyngeraut.

1. Any sacrifice you make over the next few weeks will be worth it. Any sacrifice you don't make will lose you marks, and only stupid people wouldn't regret that.
2. Work/Life Balance is a crock. Nobody ever made a big breakthrough by knocking off early.
3. Party all you like. Just remember this: Go to a party = Throw away marks. Simple as that. How many can you afford to throw away?
4. CentreLink is not really a career unless you work there.
5. Less successful people practise losing by wasting time. Pretty soon they're so good at it they can't help but fail. More successful people practise succeeding by working hard. Pretty soon they can't help but succeed.
6. What are friends for?
They are not for distracting you from your school work.
They are not for you to distract from their school work.
A good friend will leave you alone to study. You can swap stories after the exam.
7. Reread all your texts, rewrite your essays, hit the past papers, summarise everything. Ask questions.
8. As soon as they let you write in the exam, write out your quotes, facts and formulae. Once they're safe on paper you can use your brain for other things
9. Never stop writing until the very end.
10. Well, what are you waiting for? Go and get some more marks now.



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